

FenPAC 1980 Election Information

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Date set for community elections

On March 25, 1980, residents of the Fenway Urban Renewal Area will go to the polls to elect fifteen community members to a two-year term on FenPAC. Residents of the Fenway are encouraged to take an active part in planning for their neighborhood either by actively serving on the PAC or by helping to elect a community-responsive board. For easy reference, a map on the back of this sheet shows the four voting districts and polling place for each district.

Election questions and answers

What is FenPAC?

The Fenway Project Area Committee, or FenPAC, was formed six years ago to advise the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) on planning and development issues in the Fenway Urban Renewal Project. The PAC is made up of fifteen community residents (elected for a two-year term of office) who meet twice monthly to help form a community consensus on such topics as urban renewal, housing, zoning, traffic circulation, commercial development, and institutional expansion. FenPAC operates under a formal contract with the BRA and is funded under the Community Development Block Grant program. The PAC has an office in the community and three full-time salaried employees.

When and where will the FenPAC election take place?

March 25, 1980 is the date established by the Boston Election Commission for the election. There will be one polling place in each of the four districts (see map) and voters will vote for three district representatives and three at-large representatives.

Who can vote in the FenPAC election?

Any Fenway resident who has been a registered voter in the district from which he/she is voting for at least 20 days prior to the election is eligible to vote. Thus the last day for registering to vote in the FenPAC election is March 5, 1980.

Who can run for a FenPAC seat?

District candidates (12 seats): Any resident who is a registered voter and has lived in the district from which he/she is running for at least three months and in the Fenway Urban Renewal Area for at least six months is eligible to run for FenPAC. In addition, any candidate must submit a petition signed by 25 registered voters in his/her district by February 22, 1980 and a statement of at least 50 words about him/herself and reasons for running.

At large candidates (3 seats): Any resident who is a registered voter and has lived in the Fenway Urban Renewal Area for at least six months is eligible to run for FenPAC. In addition, any candidate must submit a petition signed by 50 registered voters in the project area no later than February 22, 1980 and a statement of at least 50 words about him/herself and reasons for running.

What are the requirements of a FenPAC member?

Anyone who meets the candidate eligibility requirements can run for FenPAC. One needs no special experience or professional qualifications, only a sincere interest in helping to improve the Fenway community. FenPAC meets twice a month and members are expected to participate on one or more subcommittees which meet once or twice a month depending on the need. Background information and current status of all projects are provided by the staff to each FenPAC member on a regular basis.

Where can nomination petitions be obtained?

If you are eligible to run for FenPAC, you can pick up nomination petitions at the FenPAC office, 167 Massachusetts Ave.

Who will be conducting the election?

The City Election Commission.

When will the new PAC members take office?

It is estimated that it will take the City Election Department five days to certify the results of the FenPAC election. The City Clerk will swear in the new FenPAC members sometime between the announcement of the official returns and the first meeting of the new PAC set for Tuesday, April 8, 1980.

Voter registration at FenPAC

The Election Commission has announced that Fenway voters may register to vote in the FenPAC office on the following dates:

February 2 11:00 — 8:00
March 5 12:00 — 8:00

If you are already registered to vote in Boston at your present address, you need not re-register for the FenPAC election.

FenPAC Election Calendar

January 28, 1980

Candidate nomination papers and information sheets available at the FenPAC office at 167 Mass. Ave.

February 22, 1980, 5:00 p.m.

Deadline for filing nomination papers. Papers may be returned to either the FenPAC office or the Board of Elections, City Hall

February 25, 1980, 5:00 p.m.

Last day for filing objections and withdrawals.

February 25-February 29, 1980

Election Department certification of nominees.

March 1-March 25, 1980

Campaigning period.

March 5, 1980

Last day for unregistered voters to register and still be able to vote in the FenPAC election.

March 25, 1980

FenPAC election. Polls open 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

March 28, 1980, 5:00 p.m.

Last day for filing recount petitions. Signatures of 35 registered voters are required.

April 8, 1980, 7:30 p.m.

First scheduled meeting of the newly elected FenPAC.

For further election information, stop by the FenPAC office at 167 Mass. Ave. or call 536-2653.

Polling Places

- District 1: St. Cecilia's Guild Hall
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Avenue Louis Pasteur

